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SUBJECT: ICNAF MEETING AND BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. MEETING FACILITIES FOR US- SOVIET BILATERALS NOT RPT NOT AVAIL-
ABLE FROM DANISH GOVERNMENT. ONLY COST- FREE SITES EMBASSY HAS SO
FAR FOUND AVAILABLE ARE ONE LARGE , BUT INADEQUATELY FURNISHED,
CONFERENCE ROOM IN ICES HEADQUARTERS AT CHARLOTTEN-
LUND SLOT (WHICH IS SOME DISTANCE FROM CITY CENTER AND FROM
BOTH AMERICAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES), AND AUDITORIUM AND
CONFERENCE ROOM AT AMERICAN EMBASSY. LATTER WOULD SATISFY
REQUIREMENT FOR TWO CONFERENCE ROOMS, BUT ALSO HAVE SOME
DISADVANTAGES:

(A) AUDITORIUM WOULD REQUIRE RENTAL OF CONFERENCE
FURNITURE, ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AND OTHER MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.

(B) CONFERENCE ROOM,(WHICH HAS NORMAL SEATING CAPACITY
OF 16 AROUND TABLE, BUT COULD BE EXPANDED WITH SMALLER CHAIRS
AND USE OF SECEOND ROW) IS ON THIRD FLOOR AND, BECAUSE OF SECURITY
REQUIREMENTS, COULD BE USED ONLY RPT ONLY BY US DEL.

(C) THERE MAY BE QUESTION ABOUT ADVISABILITY AND
ACCEPTABILITY OF MEETING WITH SOVIETS IN AMERICAN EMBASSY
ON WHICH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW ARE BETTER ABLE
TO COMMENT.

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2. SATISFACTORY COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, BUT AT CONSIDERABLE COST. AT SHERATON, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOMS RENT FOR ABOUT \$80 A DAY AND SMALLER ROOMS FOR HALF THAT PRICE. FACILITIES AT OTHEROLE: THE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT DURING LAST YEAR'S DISCUSSIONS IN THE UNDP/ UNIDO AD HOC COMMITTEE UNDP INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST UNIDO FULFILL ITS COORDINATION ROLE BY CONSULTING IT IN ADVANCE ON ALL PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. A SIMILAR STATEMENT WAS ALSO MADE TO THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON UNIDO STRATEGY. UNIDO HINTS IN PARA 8 (EXPLICITLY CONFIRMED TO US PRIVATELY BY THE SECRETARIAT) THAT THIS ARRANGMENT IS BEING ADHERED TO ONLY OCCASIONALLY BY UNDP. IN EFFECT, UNIDO IS ASKING THAT IT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ALL SUCH REQUESTS FROM A TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW AND " ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF COORDINATION BOTH AT THE COUNTRY AND CENTRAL LEVELS".

3. MULTICOUNTRY PROJECTS: THIS SUBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION. UNIDO STATES (PARA 12) THAT CONTINUED DIFFICULTIES IN UNDP FINANCING OF MULTICOUNTRY AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY IS AFFECTING UNIDO'S PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY IN RESPECT OF IN-PLANT TRAINING AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FIELD ADVISERS: NOTING THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS NOT HANDLED THROUGH THE MACHINERY OF UNDP/ UNIDO CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE GA, UNIDO STATES THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE 15 TH GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR IN ANY ADEQUATE EVALUATION FOR EXAMINATION OF THE SYSTEM. UNIDO AGAIN STRESSES, HOWEVER, THAT THE IDFAS HAVE FUNCTIONS WHICH GO BEYOND THE SUBJECT OF SECTORAL SUPPORT TO RESREPS WHICH WAS THE CENTRAL

THEME OF DP/ L.260 (PARAS 15 AND 16.)

5. PERIODIC UNDP/ UNIDO CONSULTATIONS: REFERENCE IS MADE TO A- R- PETERSEN MEETING IN OCTOBER 1972 AS INITIAL EFFORT, IN THE FORM OF SHORT CONSULTATION ON POLICY MATTERS, TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CALL BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS. UNIDO FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR SUCH MEETINGS AND THAT IMPORTANT POLICY MATTERS AFFECTING UNIDO/ UNDP RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD BE EXAMINED

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SYSTEMATICALLY. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD PRIVATELY BY THE SECRETARIAT

THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS MAINLY TAKE THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL UNIDO STAFF MEMBERS BEING SUMMONED TO NEW YORK FOR DISCUSSION WITH UNDP WITHOUT ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR PREPARATION AND THAT UNIDO REGARDS THIS FORM OF CONSULTATION AS UNSATISFACTORY.

6. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT OUR GENERAL POSTURE SHOULD BE TO DISCOURAGE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE WHICH MAY ADD TO PROBLEMS OF UNDP/ UNIDO RELATIONSHIPS WHILE CONTINUING TO URGE THE DESIRABILITY OF SYSTEMATIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME WE MIGHT, AS APPROPRIATE, RECOGNIZE UNIDO'S LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN SUCH MATTERS AS ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDEAS AND BEING INFORMED OF COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR PROJECTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD AS AN ASPECT OF ITS COORDINATION FUNCTION. STIBRAVY

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